

THE CITY OF MOMENCE

Momence, IL 60954

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MOMENCE CITY COUNCIL

Monday, June 15, 2009

Council Meeting

Time: 7:30P.M.

The City Council Meeting of the City of Momence was held in the Council Chambers at 123 W. River Street, Momence. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Krishon Seeman.

Mayor Mick Porter called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Roll was called by the Clerk with Aldermen Thacker, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Navarro, Lesyna and Puglise present. Also present were Mayor Porter and City Attorney Michael Parish.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Alderman Kupferer Page 3 ALDERMANIC REPORTS sentence was changed to: "Alderman Kupferer made a motion for hookup of the T-1 line not to exceed \$4,000, plus the \$642 monthly fee which includes the cards needed to connect all patrol cars." Mayor Porter Page 2 ALDERMANIC REPORTS sentence was changed to: Discuss and vote on Motor Fuel Tax program in regard to street repairs." Alderman Straley made the motion to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2009, City Council Meeting as amended. Alderman Kupferer seconded the motion with Alderman Thacker, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Navarro, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

Mayor Porter would like to add a bill for \$200 from Ansel Glink Law Offices for work done on the Momence Packing Contract. Alderman Navarro made a motion to approve the bills for payment along with the additional bill from Ansel Glink Law Offices. Alderman Lesyna seconded the motion with Alderman Thacker, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Navarro, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

CITIZEN FORUM

Mayor Porter made an announcement regarding a request from Chief Monty Buchanan, Momence Fire Protection District, for a fundraiser weekend for Jeff Snapp on June 27 & 28, 2009. Jeff suffered a severe leg injury in a boating accident on Sunday, June 7, 2009. Momence Fireman Association will be having a boot drive on Saturday, June 27th from 7A.M.-1P.M. in the downtown area. On Sunday June 28th from 7A.M. - 4P.M. Kettle corn Corral will be selling Kettle corn on 2nd and Dixie Highway at the old Momence Finer Foods parking lot. All proceeds will go directly to Jeff

Snapp. Alderman Straley made a motion to approve the Boot Drive on Saturday, June 27th from 7A.M – 1P.M. in the downtown area. Alderman Kupferer seconded the motion with Alderman Thacker, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Navarro, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

Brian Brucato filled out a citizen forum form regarding police concerns. Community members have brought to Brian's attention several concerns that they want him to express. The first concern is that the City only has one officer working a 10 hour shift; he thinks this is a bad decision. The citizens concern is that if an officer is taking someone to lockup in Kankakee, who is protecting our children. The next concern was how is the City utilizing the part-time officers. There was also a concern regarding the Chief of Police employment. They want to know why there has been no employment or advertisement for a candidate. If Chief Swanson is hired the concern was for hiring him as a part-time Chief. The City has always had a full-time Chief.

Mayor Porter asked Chief O'Keefe to respond to the first issue. Chief O'Keefe explained that the average calls are 1.8 calls per hour. The police officers have been on the 10 hour shifts for 2 weeks. There has not been an incident yet where there have been problems. Grant Park has officers 24/7 also. It is a budget issue. Brian Brucato stated that he sees it as a safety issue.

Mayor Porter then addressed the issue of placing ads for the Chief of Police position by stating that it is not required or necessary to place ads for the Chief of Police position because an appointment is to be made by the Mayor, and once a decision is made it is brought to the City Council for vote.

Alderman Straley suggested that these police issues be referred to the Police Committee.

OLD BUSINESS

Alderman Straley announced that the Appropriation Ordinance Budget is finally coming to finalization and that the City has reduced its deficit by \$493,000.

Alderman Lesyna: Report on the Ordinance Committee Meeting on June 3. The change of building inspection ordinance was discussed and the ordinance should be ready for the first reading at the July 6th City Council Meeting. Citizens concerns were discussed about mini bikes and golf carts. Mini bikes are covered by ordinances in traffic regulations at this time. Golf carts are not covered by ordinance presently; the City Attorney will look into the State statutes specifically for golf carts.

ALDERMANIC REPORTS

Alderman Thacker: One item for Executive Session in regards to personnel and is not to come out for business.

Alderman Straley: Farmers market to come to Momence on Wednesday afternoons from 3P.M. - 7P.M. with a start date of July 15, 2009. Location will in the City parking lot at the intersection of Locust and East River Street.

Alderman Steele: Discuss and vote to sign Mediacom Contract. The City is extending the current agreement with Mediacom, nothing has changed. Alderman Steele made a motion for permission to continue the same agreement with Mediacom. Alderman Straley seconded the motion

with Alderman Thacker, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Navarro, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

Alderman Kupferer: Citizen concern forms: Huge tree on the corner of Ohio Street and S. Locust Street on private property that had 2 large limbs break off and damage a porch. The citizens concern was that the tree has another limb that could break off and possibly damage property or hurt someone. Alderman Kupferer's recommendation was to refer this concern to the Tree Board. The next citizen concern form was from a resident that lives by Baker and Taylor and is regularly getting garbage into his yard from Baker and Taylor's dumpster. Baker and Taylor employees are using the Harvard Street gate off of the parking lot for both entrance and exit. The City agreed that they could use it as an exit because of the traffic concerns at their shift change. The last citizen concern form was for the residence of 311 Indiana Street, they have water running into their garage every time there is a storm and it is believed to be caused by a buildup of gravel in the alley. According to Scott Behrends, Superintendent of Streets & Alleys, this issue at 311 Indiana Street has been addressed. Regarding the Baker and Taylor issues of garbage and traffic, Aldermen Kupferer and Navarro will contact Baker and Taylor to address these issues.

Police Committee Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 16, 2009, at 6P.M., and at 7:30P.M. on Thursday, June 18, 2009, and the Grant Park Town Hall.

Alderman Navarro: Momence Lions Club would like to know the City's interest in assisting with tagging and registering bicycles in Momence. They would be able to donate LED bicycle safety lights and would provide stickers. They would like to do this in conjunction with the Police Department. It was suggested to refer it to the Police Committee.

Alderman Lesyna: Discuss and vote on the garbage ordinance and NIMS. Garbage Collection Ordinance: the change concerns the garbage collection charge and would be bringing this ordinance up-to-date. Alderman Lesyna made a motion to pass an ordinance amending an ordinance establishing the garbage collection charge for the City. Alderman Navarro seconded the motion with Alderman Thacker, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Navarro, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

Mayor Porter then read the resolution for adopting the National Incident Management System (NIMS). Alderman Lesyna made a motion to adopt the resolution adopting the National Incident Management System (NIMS). Alderman Kupferer seconded the motion with Alderman Thacker, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Navarro, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

Alderman Lesyna then mentioned that the City Council needed to be made aware of the Open Meetings Act. As long as five or more of the Council are not rapidly exchanging emails the City is not potentially in violation. Alderman Lesyna is still corresponding with the law firm of Ansel Glink concerning replacing Chapters in Title 4 of the Ordinance books.

DEPARTMENT HEAD

Scott Behrends: IDOT received copies of the resolution and approved the Motor Fuel Tax program for the resolution of contract. Bid letting was set for July 1st at 10A.M.

MAYORAL REPORT

Allied Waste will be doing a City wide clean-up the second and third weeks of June (June 8-12 & 15-19), this will fall on your regular garbage pickup days. Anything can be thrown away. Building on Dixie Highway (Griggs Building) was completed this past weekend. The Insurance company issues involving 119 and 121 E. Washington to hopefully be resolved soon.

The Skate Board Ramp volunteer group is having difficulty in finding a location. The Park District has decided that at this time it is not a good fit with them. They are in discussion with others, with the possible use of City property.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There are 2 items for contractual and possibly to come out and do business.

At 8:05P.M. Alderman Straley made a motion to go to Executive Session. Alderman Kupferer seconded the motion with Alderman Thacker, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Navarro, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

Returned from Executive Session at 9:32P.M. to do business.

Alderman Straley made a motion to proceed with the Allied Contract into the final steps at 25 cents per ton with the possible cost increase matching the CPI (Consumer Price Index) but not exceeding the 2 percent on the annual basis. Payment to the City would be received monthly effective June 1st pending the signing of the contract. The term of the Contract would be using the language of Urbana, expiration would be upon the certified closure of the transfer authority by the IEPA (Illinois Environmental Protection Agency). Contingent upon final contract review and approval of the council. Alderman Kupferer seconded with Alderman Thacker, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Navarro, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

The Park District found that they have land that was supposed to be deeded to them. To get a particular grant that the Park District is applying for Mayor Porter has a Letter of Intent that states that the City would wind up deeding the property that was supposedly deeded in 1967 and then the full ordinance/procedures were not followed. City Attorney, Michael Parish is to attend the Park District meeting Wednesday, June 17. Island Park and Walnut Street park are still titled under the City of Momence. Such a transfer is also subject to compliance of the Momence Park District to the terms and condition necessary to effectuate said transfer, indemnifying the City of Momence of all costs and expenses associated with any such transfer. The title company, based upon the fact that the island is sitting in the middle of the Kankakee river, wants a survey, This survey would be the responsibility of the Park District.

Alderman Straley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Metz seconded with Alderman Thacker, Straley, Metz, Steele, Kupferer, Navarro, Lesyna and Puglise voting yes.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenene Henson, City Clerk